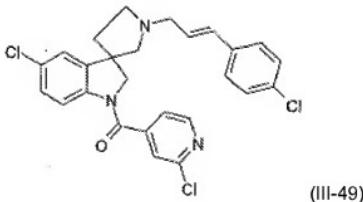


REMARKS

The Examiner requires restriction and an election of species under 35 USC §§ 121 and 372 between: Group I, Claims 1 – 8 and 11; Group II, Claim 9; and Group III, Claim 10. Applicants are required to elect one group and one species for examination even if with traverse.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of group I, claims 1 – 8 and 11.

Applicants provisionally elect for searching purposes the species compound III-49:



that is set forth in example 3 on page 104 of the application as filed. The claims readable on the provisionally elected single species are claims 1 – 8 and 11 (compounds of formula I).

Applicants maintain that they have made a complete response to the election requirement of the Examiner and that the instant application and claims are now in condition for examination on their merits and for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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